poor, the Scheme was merged with the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) with higher allocation of funds and fresh allocation of foodgrains.

Progress of IWDP in Andhra Pradesh

147. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP) in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of results achieved under IWDP in the State so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL) : (a) Since 1995-96, 38 watershed development projects have been sanctioned under Intergrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) for Andhra Pradesh for the treatment of about 3.68 lakh ha. at a total cost of about Rs. 178.73 crore. Each project is of five years duration and funds are released in 7 instalments. So far, the Central Government have released Rs. 58.41 crore for these projects. Four projects have already been completed and others are at various stages of implementation.

In the current financial year (2002-03), 11 districts *viz* Nizamabad, Nellore (2 projects), Karimnagar, Visakhapatnam, Warangal, Khammam, Vizianagaram, Adilabad, Cuddapah, Medak and Chittoor have been prioritized for sanction of IWDP projects out of which, 2 projects for Nellore District have already been sanctioned.

(b) The results achieved under IWDP in the state are furnished below :

Additional area brought under cultivation	47181 ha.
Area brought under afforestation	39633 ha.
Area brought under Horticulture	20562 ha.
No. of farmers benefited	78193
Additional income accrued to small and marginal farmers	Rs. 526.54 lakh
Mandays generated	24.59 lakh days